

Instructions for Completing the Site Nomination Form

Thank you for agreeing to assist us in identifying the top wildlife viewing opportunities in Arizona. This form is a key step in the publication of the Arizona Wildlife Viewing Guide. In addition to helping residents and visitors to your state select, locate and enjoy wildlife viewing opportunities, it will help promote respect for the habitat, wildlife and people who live in the area.

Perhaps the most important information on this form is the contact info for the person submitting the nomination. This allows us to contact you if we have any questions or require additional information. For this reason only nominations with complete contact info can be considered.

The questions are hopefully self explanatory. Some may not be applicable to a specific site. We ask that in these instances you simply write the letters N/A, (not applicable), for these questions so that we know the topic has been addressed.

Many areas will require a specific level of expertise to correctly complete. If expert assistance is used please add the name and contact info of the individual or sources used. One example might be accessibility. A clear understanding of the ADA regulations and how they apply to the site is needed for us to certify the site as being accessible. If you are unable to supply this information please make a note to that effect and we will follow up if the site is selected.

In most instances we expect that these forms will be hand written. This is fine, but please write or print clearly.

Lastly, this is no time to be modest. If you feel your nomination is one of the top viewing sites in the state, "Say so" and then back it up with the supporting information. Feel free to attach pages to your nomination with additional information you think might help our team make the best choices.

Remember, when it comes to tourists, wildlife viewers are considered the "Crème de la Crème". They tend to be the type of guests you want to visit your region. In general, they follow rules, respect private property and help communities preserve the habitat and species they come to view. The money they spend in the state helps to pay for the high level of maintenance and conservation we have come to expect.

Thank you again for your help and good luck with your nomination.



SITE NOMINATION FORM
Arizona Wildlife Viewing Guide
Watchable Wildlife Project

PERSON SUBMITTING NOMINATION

Name Title Organization

Phone FAX Email

LOCATION

Name of Site Managing Agency/Entity

Acres County Nearest Town/Community

Special Land Classification/Status (if applicable) i.e. wilderness, primitive

Site Manager/Contact

Phone FAX Email

Site WebSite Address (if applicable)

Directions to site from closest major town/community:

Estimated annual visitation: _____ **Staff on site? Yes**____ **No**____

Weather/Climate Considerations:

Current types of visitation/use and seasons of peak use (e.g. photography, bird watching – year round, hunting - fall, etc.):

Potential Conflicts with Other Uses: Please identify any potential conflicts with other uses such as fishing, hunting, boating, or traditional cultural uses, and seasonal timeframes for conflicts, if applicable.

ACCESS CONSIDERATIONS

If a special fee and/or permit is required, please specify: _____

Identify the most appropriate methods of wildlife viewing (i.e. car, trails, overlooks, boating, etc.)

Roads:

Identify road surfaces to and at site (i.e. paved, gravel, dirt) _____

Identify recommended vehicle (i.e. 2WD, 4WD) _____

Identify any road hazards _____

Trails:

Describe trail (i.e. length, loop, level of difficulty, disabled access) _____

Approximate distance from parking area _____

Approximate distance from viewing _____

Parking:

Estimated # of parking spaces _____

Proximity to viewing area _____

Adequate shoulders/pull offs? Other traffic dangers? Explain. _____

Is there legal public access to the site and does the owner/manager support adding the site to the viewing network? Explain. _____

Is the site able to withstand public use? Can fragile ecosystems and/or sensitive wildlife species be protected from destruction/harassment? Explain. _____

Identify any potential barriers that could keep visitors with disabilities from reaching the primary viewing areas. _____

Will wildlife viewing at the site cause any public safety hazards? Explain. _____

UNIQUE ATTRIBUTES/VISUAL APPEAL

What makes this site a unique, premier wildlife viewing experience? (attach additional sheets if necessary)

Does this site incorporate other cultural and natural history opportunities and/or events into the overall visitor experience? (Y/N) If yes, please describe. (attach additional sheets if necessary)

Does the site offer outstanding views of native habitat or scenic vistas? If yes, please describe. (attach additional sheets if necessary)

Does the site offer wildlife-related education and interpretation, ranging from guided walks and tours to self-guided trails and displays? If yes, please describe. (attach additional sheets if necessary)

WILDLIFE

Please check the types of wildlife present.

Birds _____ **Mammals** _____ **Amphibians/Reptiles** _____ **Fish** _____ **Invertebrates** _____

Please list the predominate species, season present and reliability of viewing.

Species – Common Name	Season Present* (W, Sp, Su, F, YR)	Reliability of Viewing** (Excellent, Good, Poor)

*w=winter, sp=spring, su=summer, f=fall, yr=year-round

**excellent=sighting every trip, good=sighting 50-75% trips, poor=50% or less

ECOLOGY/GEOLOGY

Vegetation Type: (based on The Nature Conservancy's Ecological Sites)

Please indicate approximate percentage of total site.

Desert Scrub:

_____ Lowland Sonoran
_____ Upper Sonoran
_____ Mohave
_____ Chihuahuan
_____ Great Basin

Grasslands:

_____ Plains and Great Basin
_____ Semidesert
_____ Subalpine

Woodlands

_____ Chaparral
_____ Madrean
_____ Great Basin Conifer
_____ Montane Conifer
_____ Subalpine Conifer
_____ Tundra

Is this site of exceptional ecological or geological value? List key native plant species or geologic features.

IMPROVEMENTS

	YES	Disabled Access	Condition
Restrooms			
Trash cans			
Trails			
Lookouts			
Interpretive signs			
Brochure/Species list			
Visitor Center			
Drinking water			
Bus/Motorhome Accessible			
Boat Ramps			
Parking			
Photo Blinds			
Other (list)			

SPECIAL NOTES

Please identify any other information that may be helpful (i.e., lighting considerations for photography opportunities, special regulatory requirements).

PHOTOGRAPHS AND OTHER MATERIALS

Please attach any site maps, brochures or other materials that may be useful to the Steering Committee in the evaluation of this site.

If publication-quality photographs are available of the site, please list the name of the photographer or contact person(s) and their phone numbers:
